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EXHIBIT #VII.C.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Jaci Holmes, Federal State Legislative Liaison

DATE: October 14, 2015

SUBJECT: Amendment to Chapter 125: Basic School Approval as the Result of Legislative Action

**BACKGROUND:** LD 97, Resolve 2015, Chapter 2 directed the Department of Education and State Board of Education to amend Joint Rule Chapter 125: Basic School Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units to include lockdown drills as well as emergency evacuation drills within the established required number of drills to be performed.

I will propose the change that has been required as part of Legislative action, which has been heard and worked by the Joint Committee on Education and passed by the full Legislature during the last session to the Secretary of State on October 16, 2015, which will initiate the APA process. I have attached the Governor's Office Approval, the proposal form and the actual page with the change.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that the State Board of Education accept the proposed changes to Chapter 125, Basic School Approval Standard: Public Schools and School Units and initiate Maine's Administrative Procedure Act (APA) process. A comment period will end on November 13, 2015. As a result of LD 97, now Resolve 2015, Chapter 2, at the November State Board meeting I will need Board signature to submit the paperwork for adoption.

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